## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** on September 11, 2001, the American people endured, with courage and heroism, the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2022 is the 21st anniversary of this tragic day.

**WHEREAS,** in response to this tragedy, Americans across the country came together in a remarkable spirit of patriotism and unity, and carried out countless acts of kindness, generosity and compassion; and

**WHEREAS,** community organizations and family members of the September 11 victims began observing the anniversary of September 11 as a charitable service day to honor the memory of those who were lost and those who united in response to the tragedy, including first responders and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, approved by Congress and enacted into law on April 21, 2009, requested September 11 be observed and recognized as an annual "National Day of Service and Remembrance" and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this nationwide effort; and

**WHEREAS,** participating in service and remembrance activities on September 11 is a positive and respectful way to remember the lives of those lost, pay tribute to those who rose in service and honor those who continue to serve our country today, including veterans, soldiers, military families and first responders.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of the City of Medford, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2022 as

## DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Medford and urge all citizens to honor this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 1st day of September, 2022.

Randy Sparacino Mayor of Medford